

**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL



**Journal of Proceedings**

**Wednesday, June 26, 2019**

**1:00 PM**

**Consent Calendar Meeting**

**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

ALMA E. ANAYA  
LUIS ARROYO, JR.  
SCOTT R. BRITTON  
JOHN P. DALEY  
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**KAREN A. YARBROUGH  
COUNTY CLERK**

Board met pursuant to law and pursuant to Resolution 18-6705.

**OFFICIAL RECORD**

President Preckwinkle in the chair.

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 1:00 P.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

**QUORUM**

County Clerk Karen A. Yarbrough called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Commissioners Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioners K. Morrison (1)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Pursuant to Cook County Code of Ordinances, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon at this time to deliver testimony germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three (3) minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

1. George Blakemore - Concerned Citizen
2. Mark Armstrong - Chicago Urban Fine Arts Council

**19-3322  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,**

**PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH, OPERATIONS, AND INNOVATION (ROI)  
2019 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACo) ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WIN**

**WHEREAS**, in December 2018, Cook County established the Office of Research, Operations, and Innovation (ROI) to improve operational efficiencies, improve services, reduce costs, and enhance customer experiences by utilizing existing County staff; and

**WHEREAS**, within the first two (2) months of its existence, ROI created the Cook County Innovation Institute (C2I2), a hands-on training program to teach employees a standardized approach for successful process improvement; and

**WHEREAS**, process improvement tools taught in C2I2 focus on identifying and eliminating waste in processes through creative, innovative solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception in December, over 125 employees including Bureau Chiefs, Department Heads, Supervisors, and front-line staff have attended ROI/C2I2 trainings and introductory sessions; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 2019, there have been 26 successful innovations implemented by county employees in various offices; and

**WHEREAS**, ROI's achievements have not gone unnoticed, as the National Association of Counties (NACo) granted Cook County a 2019 Achievement Award in the category of County Administration and Management; and

**WHEREAS**, started in 1970, NACo's annual Achievement Awards program is designed to recognize county government innovations through effective programs that strengthen services for residents; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, NACo recognized 616 entries from counties and state associations in 32 states.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and congratulate Research, Operations, and Innovation on their 2019 National Association of Counties Achievement Award Win; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be prepared and presented to the Office of Research, Operations, and Innovation.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-3885  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**  
**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,**  
**PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE WOUNDED AND ILL MEMBERS AND VETERANS OF THE UNITED  
STATES ARMED FORCES FROM ALL WARS AND PROCLAIMING JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> SILVER  
STAR SERVICE BANNER DAY IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Cook has always honored the sacrifice made by the service men and women and Veterans of the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, America's courageous, wounded warriors and their families have made sacrifices that deserve a lifetime of gratitude and should never be forgotten; and

**WHEREAS**, the Silver Star Service Banner and Flag have been officially designated by the United States Congress to represent the members of the Armed Forces and Veterans who were wounded or became ill in combat in all wars past and present; and

**WHEREAS**, the Silver Star Service Banner is presented to those wounded or ill Military service members and Veterans who embody the integrity, honor and loyalty of Military service, have inspired us all with their dedication and commitment and make every American proud; and

**WHEREAS**, the Silver Star Families of America, formed in 2005 to recognize, remember and assist the wounded and ill of our Armed Forces, designed, manufacture and provide Silver Star Service Banners and Silver Star Flags free of charge to those who qualify; the volunteers of this organization worked tirelessly to make it to the official banner and flag to honor the war wounded; and

**WHEREAS**, the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners are honored to have the opportunity to acknowledge the meritorious efforts of our valiant men and women in uniform and their families and the heroic contributions they have made to our Nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that June 26, 2019 be proclaimed the 11th annual Silver Star Service Banner Day in Cook County, the official day to honor the wounded and ill service members and Veterans of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to all eligible service men and women and Veterans in recognition of their bravery and of how much more they have given for our great Country and their fellow citizens.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4040  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE COOK COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE FOR RECEIVING THE  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR HUMAN  
SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Counties (NACo) awarded the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office its Achievement Award for the Office's Indigent Burial Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Achievement Award honors innovative, effective county government programs that enhance services for residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indigent Burial Program has improved the disposition for all identified and indigent decedents by hiring an indigent coordinator whose sole focus is ensuring their dignified disposition; and

**WHEREAS**, previously, the indigent disposition process was only handled with burials, often delaying disposition for decedents with costly effects for the constituents of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indigent Burial Program has created a timely and cost-effective program to handle the disposition of the County's most in need. This program is utilized throughout the year despite temperature and weather which had previously hindered the disposition process; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's unclaimed and indigent veterans are buried with honors at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery through the Indigent Veteran Burial Program. The Medical Examiner has streamlined the eligibility process thus shortening the time an unclaimed veteran remains at the Medical Examiner's office; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Medical Examiner has dedicated a memorial at Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery memorializing the indigents, unborn and unknown decedents whose disposition was handled by the Indigent Burial Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Catholic Cemeteries has not only donated cemetery plots for the burial of unborn children, but continues to show their dedication to constituents of Cook County with a dignified and honorable ceremony for every County burial; and

**WHEREAS**, awards are given in 18 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include human services, children and youth, criminal justice, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement and many more.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million people of Cook County, Congratulates the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office on the receipt of the NACO Achievement Award for Human Services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4041  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE COOK COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE FOR RECEIVING THE  
ANSI-ASQ NATIONAL ACCREDITATION BOARD ISO ACCREDITATION**

**WHEREAS**, the American National Standards Institute - American Society of Quality National Accreditation Board (ANAB) awarded the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office ISO 17020 and 17025 accreditations; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Standardization Organization (ISO) is an independent non-governmental international organization that develops standards to ensure the quality, safety and efficiency of products, services and systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Medical Examiner's office is the first office in the country to obtain ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Accreditation for Forensic testing and laboratory calibration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Medical Examiner's office is the second office in the country to obtain ISO/IEC 17020:2012 Accreditation for Bodies of Forensic Inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Medical Examiner's toxicology laboratory was awarded for having high standards of impartiality and confidentiality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Medical Examiner's office demonstrates technical competence in the field of Forensic Science and Forensic Inspection respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office has a strong commitment to excellence in all areas of medicolegal death investigation and to the service of Cook County's residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million people of Cook County, congratulates the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office on the receipt of the American National Standards Institute - American Society of Quality National Accreditation Board International Standards Organization Accreditation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4210  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CONGRATULATING ALIVIO MEDICAL CENTER ON THEIR 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, as a result of a passionate vision, strong partnerships and the crucial need for bilingual bicultural medical providers for the uninsured and undocumented, Ms. Carmen Velásquez founded Alivio Medical Center in 1989 as a bilingual bicultural, nonprofit community health center; and

**WHEREAS**, Alivio Medical Center has provided access to quality bilingual, bicultural, and cost-effective healthcare for 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, all patients at Alivio Medical Center are treated with the principles that healthcare is a basic human right and every person should have access to quality, affordable health coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, Alivio Medical Center has been committed to driving the development and advancement of services to Cook County communities; and

**WHEREAS**, patient services, advocacy, education and research and evaluation have been at the cornerstone of Alivio Medical Center's work; and

**WHEREAS**, Alivio Medical Center creates an environment of care and respect across their clinics; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Quality Leader Award and the Health Center Quality Leader Award were granted to Alivio Medical Center as part of Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Quality Improvement Awards; and

**WHEREAS**, Alivio Medical Center exceeded national clinical quality benchmarks, including Healthy People 2020 goals, in chronic disease management, preventive care, and perinatal/prenatal care; and

**WHEREAS**, as the only health center in Illinois who achieved the best overall clinical performance among all health centers, Alivio Medical Center placed in the top 30% of the adjusted quartile rankings for clinical quality measures nationally in HRSA rankings; and

**WHEREAS**, HRSA's Quality Improvement Awards recognize the highest performing health centers nationwide as well as those health centers that have made significant quality improvement gains from the previous year; and

**WHEREAS**, Alivio Medical Center's commitment to providing care that is accessible linguistically and culturally, and affordable financially has made a positive impact on the health of Cook County communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the founders, providers, staff, and supporters of Alivio Medical Center on their 30th Anniversary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Alivio Medical Center in honor of its noble work and remarkable impact.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**



**RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE SCOTT R. BRITTON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE HISTORIC ZIMMER HARDWARE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
THE PALATINE COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, Zimmer Hardware was founded by Albert Zimmer in 1883; and

**WHEREAS**, Albert Zimmer was born in the Village of Wheeling in 1856; and

**WHEREAS**, Albert Zimmer apprenticed as a Tinsmith; and

**WHEREAS**, Zimmer Hardware moved from its original location at the corner of Bothwell and Slade streets in downtown Palatine to its ultimate location on Brockway Street; and

**WHEREAS**, Albert Zimmer and his family lived in an apartment above the hardware store; and

**WHEREAS**, after Albert's death, his stepdaughter Lydia Wienecke and her nephew Howard Freeman took over ownership of the hardware store; and

**WHEREAS**, the Zimmer family continued to operate the store until 1972; and

**WHEREAS**, Zimmer Hardware prided itself as a local, hometown hardware store with a wide variety of products for all types of do-it-yourself projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Zimmer Hardware was known for narrow aisles with hardware items from floor to ceiling and two iconic, if not functioning, gumball machines at the front entrance; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to typical hardware store offerings, Zimmer Hardware offered special services such as glass and acrylic cutting, glass repair, screen repair, key cutting and pet specialty products; and

**WHEREAS**, Zimmer Hardware carved out its own niche in a world dominated by big box retail stores thanks to the personal service they provided; and

**WHEREAS**, Zimmer Hardware was named one of the "Retailers of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century" by the Illinois Retail Merchants Association in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, Zimmer Hardware was a staple in the neighborhood, often assisting generations of families; and

**WHEREAS**, Zimmer Hardware was lauded by customers as having friendly staff, attentive customer service, extensive product knowledge and a wide variety of home improvement items; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Palatine Historical Society, Zimmer Hardware was the oldest continuous business in the Village of Palatine; and

**WHEREAS**, Zimmer Hardware operated for 136 years in the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Zimmer Hardware for their contributions to the Palatine community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of the Resolution be tendered to the Zimmer family as a means of communicating our thanks and well wishes.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4209  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER,  
BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY,  
DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF MICHAEL T. TIERNEY AS DIRECTOR OF  
POLITICAL AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, CHICAGO JOURNEYMAN PLUMBERS LOCAL  
UNION 130 UA**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Michael T. Tierney has retired as the Director of Political and Municipal Affairs of the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union 130 UA; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Tierney began his career in 1975 as a laborer in the City of Chicago's Water Department, was promoted to Foreman in 1986 and four years later received another promotion as an assistant Superintendent of Water Distribution; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, Michael Tierney became the District Superintendent of Water Distribution and Sewers for the City of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, Michael Tierney became the Director of Political and Municipal Affairs for the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local 130 UA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union 130 UA, with over 6,100 members is one of the largest straight-line plumbing locals in the United Association (UA) which represents 350,000+ building tradesmen across the United States and Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Tierney represented all Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local 130 employees at the City, County and State levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Tierney's lifelong work has been important to protecting the health of Cook County residents and those in the surrounding communities by providing the highest quality plumbing craftsmen to ensure clean water and proper waste water removal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Michael T. Tierney on the occasion of his retirement and join all who have had the pleasure of his friendship in wishing him still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness with his wife, children, grandchildren, family and friends; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Michael T. Tierney to commemorate this joyous occasion.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4226  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by  
THE HONORABLE BILL LOWRY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE CHOSEN FEW DJ'S**

**WHEREAS**, in 1977, Wayne Williams founded the Chosen Few DJs who are a music collective of skilled musical arrangers. The Chosen Few were among the first wave of DJs and producers in Chicago to create the House music sound; and

**WHEREAS**, the original group consisted of Wayne Williams, Jesse Saunders, Tony Hatchett, Alan King, and Andre Hatchett. The Chosen Few played their unique brand of soulful dance and house music to large crowds throughout the city. The Chosen Few's expert melodious creativity sparked a global movement; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, the Chosen Few DJs, added the talented, meticulous, and poised Kim Parham, the only non-DJ member of the crew, who organizes the Chosen Few Picnic and House Music Festival. The Chosen Few Picnic and House Music Festival draws more than 40,000 fans to Chicago each year; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006, the Chosen Few added Terry Hunter. In 2012, the Chosen Few added Mike Dunn, bringing the total number of talented DJs to seven (7); and

**WHEREAS**, the Chosen Few hosts events in cities across the United States and perform at festivals around the globe such as the Amsterdam Dance Event in Amsterdam, The Netherlands Winter Music Conference, and Suncébeat Festival in Tisno, Croatia.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Bill Lowry, Cook County Commissioner of the 3rd District, do hereby stand, and salute these musical technicians known as the Chosen Few DJs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to Chosen Few DJ's; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4203  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, DEBORAH SIMS,  
PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR,  
SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN,  
BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE,  
KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, LARRY SUFFREDIN  
AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE HONORABLE JOHN A. OSTENBURG FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO  
THE VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST**

**WHEREAS**, John A. Ostenburg was first elected as Mayor of Park Forest, Illinois, in 1999 and was re-elected without opposition in 2003, re-elected in 2007, 2011 and 2015, and is the longest serving mayor in the history of the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, John A. Ostenburg began his long history of service to the Park Forest community not long after moving there serving on the Board of Directors of the Birch Street Townhomes Cooperative since 1983 and is currently the Vice-President; and

**WHEREAS**, John's public service began in 1985 when he became a Trustee of Park Forest, serving from 1985 to 1990 and from 1997 to 1999, and between his terms as Trustee, John served as State Representative of the 80th House District from 1992 to 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, John made a significant impact on the Park Forest community and was instrumental in diversifying the Village Board, both in race and gender, through careful appointments to fill multiple Trustee vacancies including: Bonita Dillard, Mae Brandon and Georgia O'Neill; each of whom was elected several times by the Park Forest residents; and

**WHEREAS**, John's visionary approach resulted in numerous initiatives and successes for Park Forest including: Park Forest being an All-American City finalist in 2000 and 2006, being a Chicago Tribune Top 100 workplace in 2010, the implementation of the award-winning Park Forest Sustainability Plan in 2012, a 3-STAR designation in 2014 and the SolSmart "Gold" designation in 2015, and was the recipient of the Distinguished Budget Award and Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for more than 20 consecutive years; and

**WHEREAS**, John's leadership influence expanded far beyond the boundaries of Park Forest as he was heavily involved at the regional, state and federal levels, serving on various posts at the appointment of the Cook County Board President and the Illinois Municipal League; he is the immediate past President of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, was Chairman of the Board for the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, a member of the South Suburban Health Advisory Council, and is one of 15 Directors of the Cook County Land Bank Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, he has also served as Chair of the Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative; served on the Community and Economic Development Committee of the National League of Cities (NLC) and the Co-Chair of the Race Equity and Leadership initiative in the NLC; and

**WHEREAS**, John was an unwavering proponent of regionalism, equality, diversity and environmentalism and well known to use the mantra of leaders “locking arms” in response to issues impacting communities of the Southland, and was the recipient of the Diversity 2009 Award from Diversity, Inc., “In Recognition of Exceptional Leadership on Issues of Diversity, Unity, and Equality in the Chicago Southland”; and

**WHEREAS**, John was an advocate of civic engagement and resident involvement in decision making processes, conducting numerous community surveys, dozens of neighborhood meeting, and hundreds of resident appointments were made to the various volunteer boards; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond public service, John Ostenburg’s career included teaching at elementary and secondary school levels before becoming affiliated with several institutions of higher learning; He taught journalism and communications courses in addition to serving in the posts of Director of Alumni Affairs and Sports Information Director at Lewis University, Executive Director of the College Foundation at Prairie State College, and Director of University Relations at Governors State University; and

**WHEREAS**, his professional career also included multiple posts with the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU), spanning three different presidents of the CTU he served as Editor of the Chicago Union Teacher, Communications Department Chair and lastly as Chief of Staff; and

**WHEREAS**, besides being a teacher and overseeing various collegiate departmental posts, John served as a journalist with various news publications including the *Illinois State Journal* in Springfield, the *Joliet Herald-News*, *The Times* of Hammond, Indiana, the Crescent Newspaper chain, the *Lockport Free Press* and the Herald-News Community Newspapers in central Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to all of the above, John found time to volunteer with the Rotary Club, the League of Women Voters and the American Civil Liberties Union, among many others; and

**WHEREAS**, after providing 4 decades of effective, ethical and fair service and leadership to Park Forest, John A. Ostenburg decided to retire at the end of his final term as Mayor in May of this year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby offer its deepest appreciation to John A. Ostenburg for his many years of dedicated service to the country, the Village of Park Forest and Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we wish John great health and much happiness in his retirement from public service; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to John A. Ostenburg as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4206  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, DEBORAH SIMS,  
PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR,  
SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN,  
BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE,  
KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, LARRY SUFFREDIN  
AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE CHICAGO WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB (CWGC)**

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Women's Golf Club (CWGC) was founded in 1937 by a group of African American women who loved the game of golf including Anna Mae Black Robinson, Cleo Ball and Vivian Pitts, and over the 82-year history of the club has had over 3,500 members; and

**WHEREAS**, Anna Mae Black served as the founding president in 1937 and held the office for three terms until the end of 1939, and was also elected the fourth vice president of the United Golfers Association (UGA) at its 1944 annual meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, Anna Mae Robinson, Ella Williams, and Birdie Philpott petitioned the Cook County Board of Commissioners for privileges to play at the Pipe O' Peace Golf Club, and after many appeals, permission was finally granted to the CWGC to use the Pipe O'Peace facilities and the course became the official CWGC tournament site in 1952; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pipe-O-Peace Golf Course was established as the CWGC home course, and was later named The Joe Louis Golf Course in honor of Joe "The Champ" Louis AKA "The Brown Bomber" and became one of the Cook County Forest Preserves golf courses; and

**WHEREAS**, Anna Mae Robinson also saw a need to recognize African American golfers of the era and began a campaign for a UGA Hall of Fame; Through her undaunting efforts the UGA/National Afro-American Golfers Hall of Fame was established in 1959, as a tribute to all minority golfers, and Anna Mae, herself a professional golfer, was inducted into the National Afro-American Golfers Hall of Fame in 1962, and the Chicago Women's Golf Club was inducted in 2016 in Atlanta Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, the CWGC elected Anna Mae Robinson as their thirteenth president in 1960; she served another three terms from 1960 to 1962, and during this tenure she was able to gain the support of the Borden

Milk Company as a sponsor for the CWGC National Invitational Golf Tournament, their first corporate sponsor, but not their last; and

**WHEREAS**, CWGC has a rich history of African American golfers playing in its tournaments; In the earlier years, most of the male and female African American professional golfers played in their Annual Memorial Tournaments, which were sanctioned by the UGA; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1954, under the direction of Agnes Williams, CWGC established a junior division, the Bob-O-Links as a 501(c)3 organization which is committed to the development and growth of Chicago area boys and girls, ages 8 through 17; and

**WHEREAS**, through the game of golf, the Bob-O-Links' program focuses on character building, discipline, self-esteem, education, grit and integrity; and

**WHEREAS**, CWGC members golf throughout the City of Chicago, Cook County and Northwest Indiana locally; however, members play golf throughout the United States and some internationally; and

**WHEREAS**, the application process to become a member begins each February, and the club looks for ladies with a commitment to adding diversity and inclusion to the game of golf by learning to play and actually play the game; and

**WHEREAS**, today, the CWGC has 60 members and is an Affiliate of the USGA, UGA, MGA, and NIWGA with a purpose of encouraging more women and children to play golf, teaching proper golf course etiquette, providing professional golf lessons from a certified golf pro, supporting junior golf (the Bob-O-Links), taking an active role in supporting the community and competing at the highest level; and

**WHEREAS**, the current President of CWGC is Ciji Henderson currently serving her 4<sup>th</sup> term and presides over several tournaments including: The Annual Memorial Warm-Up tournament, the Annual Anna Mae Robinson Open Tournament, the Jeanie Williams Championship Tournament, the Bob-O-Link's Junior Golf Club and Junior tournament; and

**WHEREAS**, last year, The Chicago Women's Golf Club and the Bob-O-Links partnered with Kappa Alpha Psi-Chicago Alumni Chapter at their Back to School event in Chicago's Woodlawn community, providing over 100 students with back to school resources and encouraging their interest in golf; and

**WHEREAS**, during the holiday season, the Chicago Women's Golf Club partnered with Meals on Wheels Chicago to host "Let's Do Lunch Bingo"! which was held at the Southwest Senior Center in Chicago IL, where members of CWGC enjoyed giving back to the community and sharing meaningful moments with our senior citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby proudly honor The Chicago Women's Golf Club, as well as current President Ciji Henderson, Elected Officers, Board of Directors and Members and thank them for their steadfast service to the community, the City of Chicago and Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to The Chicago Women's Golf Club as a symbol of our respect and esteem.



Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-3974  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by  
THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF WILLIAM “BILLY” BONAPARTE, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, William “Billy” Bonaparte, Jr. was called home to be with the Lord on May 25, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Billy Bonaparte, Jr. was born on December 11, 1942 in Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Billy Bonaparte, Jr. was the second oldest of six children and accepted Christ at an early age; and

**WHEREAS**, during his childhood, Billy Bonaparte, Jr.’s father, William Bonaparte, Sr., instilled into him a strong work ethic. Billy also developed a deep understanding of the world through his love of reading and books; and

**WHEREAS**, Billy Bonaparte, Jr. completed high school and then entered the U.S. Army. During this time, he proudly served as a Field Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, after his military service, Billy Bonaparte, Jr. began his career working as the first African American PBX Installer at Illinois Bell. He led a successful career at Illinois Bell and then AT&T. Billy was promoted to multiple managerial and executive level positions until his retirement from Corporate America in 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, shortly after leaving Corporate America, Billy Bonaparte, Jr. created Bonaparte Connections, a company that supplied communication connectivity services. He led Bonaparte Connections until 1991 and then formed Bonaparte Connections. Under his leadership, Bonaparte Connections became the largest African American owned electrical contractor in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, true to his Chicago roots, Billy Bonaparte, Jr. was a champion for diversity and inclusion, opening doors for many African Americans in the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, Billy Bonaparte, Jr. was recognized for his professional accomplishments from Who's Who in Chicago Business, Chicago United's Leaders of Color, Ernest & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year, and Minority Enterprise Development Council Award. He was inducted into the Entrepreneurs Hall of Fame by the University of Illinois at Chicago and recognized by Crain's Chicago Business as the 24<sup>th</sup> Largest Minority Owned Business in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Billy Bonaparte, Jr. believed in the value of education and served as one of the founding board members of ACE Technical Charter High School. His generous gift of \$250,000.00 led to the creation of a state-of-the-art library and media center. He also was instrumental in reconstructing his former elementary school Gillespie Elementary library. The library was renamed "William Bonaparte, Jr. Library" in his honor; and

**WHEREAS**, Billy Bonaparte, Jr.'s most significant accomplishment was the special relationship that he held with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchild;

**WHEREAS**, Billy Bonaparte Jr. was an avid photographer and travel who enjoyed food, art, jazz, and music.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating William "Billy" Bonaparte, Jr's life and his many contributions bettering the lives of and citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of William "Billy" Bonaparte, Jr.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-3977  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF EDDIE L. JONES, II**

**WHEREAS**, Eddie L. Jones, II was called home to be with the Lord on May 27, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Eddie L. Jones, II was born in Cotton Plant, Arkansas to Eddie L. and Rosie L. Jones on March 27, 1952. He moved to Chicago with his family in 1956 where he spent his childhood and teenage years in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, Eddie L. Jones, II graduated from Wendell Phillips High School in 1970 and attended Western Illinois University where he obtained a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, after college, Eddie L. Jones, II led a successful 30-year career at IBM. He was recognized as a company leader in auditing of internal processes and training and managerial development. Upon his retirement, he founded All Points Security; and

**WHEREAS**, Eddie L. Jones, II was a dedicated member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He was initiated in 1971 through the Eta Eta Chapter at Western Illinois University and then later served as the president of the Iota Delta Lambda Chapter. He also served as president of the Chicago Urban League Metro Board, chairman of the March and Dimes, and chairman of the Iota Delta Lambda Educational Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, Eddie L. Jones, II was recognized in the community for his philanthropic efforts. In May 2018, he received the Iota Delta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Golden Anniversary Achievement and Legacy Award in recognition of his years of outstanding professional and community service; and

**WHEREAS**, one (1) of Eddie L. Jones, II most cherished accomplishments in life was being selected to carry the United States Olympic Torch in 1996 and his trip to Africa with the White House Advance Team under President Bill Clinton; and

**WHEREAS**, Eddie L. Jones, II was most known as a prominent face and force in City and State politics; and

**WHEREAS**, Eddie L. Jones, II enjoyed spending time with his family and playing baseball and golf. He is survived by his children, Iesha James, Matthew Jones, Meghan Jones, and his four (4) grandchildren.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County does hereby honor and celebrate the life of Eddie L. Jones, II and his many contributions bettering the lives of all residents in Cook County, Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Eddie L. Jones, II.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4084  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by  
THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON AND SCOTT R. BRITTON,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING ANISHA PATEL FOR HER INCREDIBLE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS**

**WHEREAS**, Anisha Patel is a parent, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of her own company, and a fellow with the Think Tank on Global Education at Harvard; and

**WHEREAS**, Anisha was elected to the Arlington Heights Elementary District 25 school board in April 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Anisha started a fundraising campaign called “Your Support Matters to Unaccompanied Youth Migrants”; and

**WHEREAS**, Anisha and a group of women garnered financial support from nearly 150 different donors; and

**WHEREAS**, Anisha raised close to \$35,000.00 for Viator House of Hospitality and Bethany House of Hospitality, two (2) safehouses for young immigrants seeking asylum in the Northwest Suburbs; and

**WHEREAS**, the proceeds from the fundraiser will be given as scholarships to residents and as emergency funds for their families who may be facing danger in their home countries; and

**WHEREAS**, Anisha is a Muslim immigrant from Malawi, Africa who observes Ramadan, a month of fasting, reflection, and giving; and

**WHEREAS**, many residents of the safehouses are also observing Ramadan; and

**WHEREAS**, Anisha, along with her team, organized a dinner during Ramadan, starting at dusk so attendees could break their fasts surrounded by a supportive community; and

**WHEREAS**, Anisha hopes to eliminate stereotypes and the hatred that the Muslim community faces by creating supportive and loving safe spaces.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Board of the Cook County Commissioner would like to recognize Anisha Patel for her dedicated efforts to raise funds and create a welcoming community for unaccompanied youth migrants; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is presented to Anisha Patel.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4229  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE SEAN M, MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**IN HONOR OF VETERAN RICHARD A. OLUND'S SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES  
ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II**

**WHEREAS**, Richard Olund was drafted in 1943, just before he was to graduate from Tilden Technical High School in Chicago, where he was a member of St. Basil Parish in the Wrightwood neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, he was assigned to the Army Medical Corps. as a medical technician, and trained in Portland, Tennessee, and Fort Devens, Massachusetts, before being sent to the 108<sup>th</sup> Evacuation Hospital in Manchester, England; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Olund landed on Utah Beach in Normandy, France on July 18, 1944, the day the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army officially went into action; and

**WHEREAS**, he was originally assigned to General George Patton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Army formation, before being transferred to the 7th Army and later the 9th Army, as he made his way through England, France, Belgium Holland, Germany and Austria during his service, which ended in 1946; and

**WHEREAS**, an avid photographer to this day, Rich's prized possession throughout his tour of duty was a small camera brought from home. Throughout his tour of duty, and especially in the ten months he was in Europe after the war, Rich took a lot of photographs, and still has many of them; and

**WHEREAS**, as a surgical technician and, later, a dental technician, he knew how to develop X-ray photos, and often used the same supplies to develop his photos; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the many photographs is of Rich at Hitler's Eagle's Nest, the mountaintop chalet in Berchtesgaden, Germany, that served as a Nazi retreat, while others are of churches and other buildings damaged in Allied bombings; and

**WHEREAS**, Rich is compiling an album of his wartime photos with descriptions and more recent photos of the damaged buildings, which have been restored; and

**WHEREAS**, soon after he returned, Rich married his wife, Dorothy, and together they raised two daughters, Victoria and Claudia; and

**WHEREAS**, after leaving the war and attending television engineering school, Rich went on to have a 40-year career with General Electric's television laboratory in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Rich is seldom without the World War II Army veteran cap that his granddaughter, Rachel, gave him. Listed on it are almost all of the countries he spent time in during the war - England, France, Holland, Germany and Italy; and

**WHEREAS**, Rich recently returned to Europe for the first time since the war to participate in the 75th Anniversary Commemoration of D-Day on June 6. This time, as a guest of the National World War II Museum on its 75th Anniversary Cruise to Europe. The cruise made stops in Rotterdam, the Netherlands and Bruges, Belgium, before making stops along the coast of France, starting in Dunkirk, Calais and Le Havre, and then on to the Normandy region, beginning in Honfleur before visiting the beaches code-named Utah, Omaha, Juno, Gold and Sword. Many world leaders were present at the official commemoration on June 6, including President Donald J. Trump, who addressed those in attendance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners thank Rich Olund and all those members of the Greatest Generation for their selfless service to our country; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of the Honorable Body, and an official copy be tendered to Richard Olund in sincere appreciation and acknowledgement of his dedicated service to our great nation.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION****Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DEBORAH SIMS, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,  
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,  
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON,  
SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING PASTOR LEONARDO D. GILBERT 25TH MINISTERIAL ANNIVERSARY AND  
60TH BIRTHDAY**

**WHEREAS**, Leonardo Gilbert was born in Chicago and raised in the church by godly parents Leon and Marie Gilbert. He was baptized in 1971 at the Michigan Ave Church of Christ, which was later known as the Sheldon Heights Church of Christ; he has attended this congregation all his life and has been preaching at it full time since 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, Leonardo Gilbert loves to learn and educationally, he is a product of the Chicago Public Schools, Lindblom Technical High School (class of 1977), Michigan Christian College (A.A), Harding University (B.A in Biology with a minor Chemistry and B.A. in Bible), North Park University (M.N.A. Master of Non Profit Administration). He has studied Board Governance at Harvard University. Currently, he is pursuing graduate studies in global non-profit management and has studied in Seoul, South Korea; Hong Kong; Guangzhou, China; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Cape Town, South Africa; Istanbul, Turkey; Athens, Greece; and Barcelona, Spain; and

**WHEREAS**, Bro. Leonardo Gilbert has been serving as the full-time minister of the Sheldon Heights Church of Christ since 1995 after the passing of Bro. Samuel L. Jordan, Bro. Gilbert has been preaching since 1978. After graduating from Harding University in 1981, Gilbert accepted several positions at the Sheldon Heights Church of Christ, including youth minister, educational director, evangelism director, and later assistant minister. He enthusiastically served in these roles until becoming full-time minister in 1995. Bro Leonardo Demetrius Gilbert is a visionary, missionary and community leader, and servant of God, who loves and works fervently for God. His motto is I have been "Saved to Serve."; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Gilbert is founder and chairman of IAMM, founder and previous chairman of the Greater Roseland-West Pullman Food Network, and founder and Chairman of the National Teachers Workshop; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Gilbert helped led coalitions in disaster relief hurricane Katrina in 2005 and in Haiti 2010. In 2009, he helped lead anti violence strategies in collaboration with Chicago Public schools that led to the "Safe Haven" program which is a collaboration between schools and church. The children at the Sheldon Heights site won 1st place in the junior achievement program and were given their awards by Mayor Rahm Emanuel of Chicago. Although no longer funded by the Chicago Public Schools, Gilbert

continues to offer a Safe Haven after school program and summer program to the help keep the youth of the community safe; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Gilbert's past experiences included serving as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Greater Chicago Food Depository Board of Directors, President of the Advisory Board for the Roseland Mental Health Center, Advisory Board Member for the City of Chicago Department of Public Health-Mental Health Division, Vice Chair of the Chicago Citywide Youth Directors and Counselors (CYDC) and Member of Fenger High School Local School Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Gilbert is currently serving in the following capacities: Chair of the Midwest Youth Conference, Vice Chair of the 34th Ward Ministers Alliance, Pastors United for Change P.U.C., Vice Chair of the Midwest Lectureship, Director of Outreach for the National Church of Christ Crusade, as well as a Board member of the Far South Side CDC, TCA Health Clinic, Chair Kennedy Jordan Manor and Board Member of Southwestern Christian College; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Gilbert, who is humble in spirit and has extraordinary vision for achieving the difficult, is sought out to assist other individuals and groups with strategic planning, organizational structure, financial planning and advisement, as well advisory assistance and implementation of several programs and initiatives in the church and in the community.

**WHEREAS**, as a devoted family man, Pastor Gilbert, a husband, father, grandfather and uncle, is a rock to his family, always striving to pass on a legacy of excellence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on behalf of Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board, the Board of Commissioners and its 5.4 million residents of Cook County do hereby congratulate Pastor Leonardo D. Gilbert on your 25th Ministerial Anniversary and 60th Birthday; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Pastor Leonardo D. Gilbert on his auspicious occasion.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-3902  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**



**THE HONORABLE DEBORAH SIMS, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,  
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,  
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON,  
SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF KENNETH L. VALLOW**

**WHEREAS**, God in his infinite wisdom called Kenneth L. Vallow from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Kenneth L. Vallow was born on December 3, 1946 to William “Buck” Vallow and Effie (Hathaway) Vallow; and

**WHEREAS**, Kenneth was drafted into the Army, where he served as a Military Police Officer at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. After two years of service, Kenneth returned home and continued working in civil service; and

**WHEREAS**, while employed with a trucking company, Kenneth also joined the East Hazel Crest Police Department, as well as the East Hazel Crest Fire Department as a volunteer fireman. Kenneth’s career spanned 49 years as a police officer with the East Hazel Crest Police Department, and 28 years as a fireman with the East Hazel Crest Fire Department. Kenneth held the titles of patrolman, Detective, Evidence Technician, Criminal Investigator, Field Training Officer and Chief of Police during his career with the East Hazel Crest Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Kenneth Vallow completed two stints as the Chief of Police; from 1979 until 1984, and from 2016 until his death; and.

**WHEREAS**, Kenneth L. Vallow was a devoted husband for nearly 50 years to Joanne (Pushala), beloved father to his sons Kenneth (Barbara), Keith (fiancé Jessica), Kristopher (Jillian) and Kevin (Lisa). Additionally, Kenneth was idolized and adored by his grandchildren Scotty, Justin, McKenna, Landon, Jaxon, Dominic, Jocelyn, Nolan, Camden, Kaylee and Kendal and great grandchild Evelyn, brothers William (Carol) Vallow, Thomas (Janice) Vallow, Timothy (Marsha) Vallow and Gerald Vallow; and

**WHEREAS**, Kenneth L Vallow’s physical presence may no longer be with us, we shall remember his strong work ethic, knowledge, dedication, loyalty and love have been passed on to his children and grandchildren, so that many more generations may flourish. Many people who have crossed Kenneth’s path say how lucky they were to have known him, while others felt privileged to call him a friend or family member.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on behalf of Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board, the Board of Commissioners, and its 5.4 million residents of Cook County do hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy of the family of Kenneth L. Vallow; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Mr. Kenneth L. Vallow in his honor and be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4149  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DEBORAH SIMS, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,  
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,  
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON,  
SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING DR. SHEILA HARRISON-WILLIAMS FOR 34 YEARS OF EDUCATIONAL  
LEADERSHIP SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Sheila Harrison-Williams was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi, to Lorraine Harrison, raised on the Westside of Chicago, attending Chicago Public Schools graduating from Westinghouse Area Vocational High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Harrison-Williams earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Northeastern Illinois University (Chicago), majoring in Special Education and Elementary Education; Master of Arts Degree from Northeastern in Educational Administration; Degree of Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from Northern Illinois University (DeKalb); post-graduate work at Northeastern and Northern Illinois Universities, achieving an Early Childhood Education Certificate from Northeastern and Chief School Business Official Certification from Northern Illinois University; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Harrison-Williams is currently completing her fifteenth year as Superintendent of Hazel Crest School District 152½ in Hazel Crest, Illinois. Prior to Hazel Crest, Dr. Harrison-Williams served as Superintendent of Fairmont School District 89 in Lockport, Illinois for two and a half years; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Harrison-Williams is an active member of the following organizations: The American Association of School Administrators; the Illinois and the National School Boards Association; the Illinois Association of School Business Officials and the Suburban Superintendents Association; She is a life member of the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) and served on the Executive Board as treasurer since 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2011, Dr. Harrison-Williams co-founded the HWC Executive Leadership Institute, designed to provide a more in-depth preparation program for those who aspire to become superintendents; and

**WHEREAS**, July 1, 2018, Dr. Harrison-Williams assumed the role of President of the Illinois Association of School Administrators, where she has served for the past 12 years as an At-Large Governing Board Member and an Officer; She is the first African American to serve as President of this organization in 73 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Harrison-Williams has received several awards and recognition as an educational leader, the most recent being the recipient of the 2018 IASA South Cook Superintendent of Distinction Award; 2018 Commissioner Richard Boykins 4th Annual Trailblazer Award; 2016 Reaching Back Foundation's Phenomenal Woman in Education Award; 2014 Kings Daughters Ministry Dream Makers Award; 2012 Chicago Defender "Women of Excellence" Award; Co-recipient of the 2012 AASA Dr. Effie H. Jones "Humanitarian" Award and the 2011 NABSE Joseph E. Hill "Superintendent of the Year" Award; and

**WHEREAS**, as a devoted educator, Dr. Sheila Harrison-Williams has been married to her husband Ulysses Williams for 35 years, mother of Sir Charles and Ulyssa, grandmother of Siriah, Talijah, Sir Charles II and Aliyah, Mother in-law to Dominique.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on behalf Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Dr. Sheila Harrison-Williams on her retirement and for the commendable service and leadership she has provided throughout her tenure; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Dr. Sheila Harrison-Williams to celebrate this auspicious occasion.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION****Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,  
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,  
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON,  
SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF MRS. ELIZABETH BRASHER**

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth Elinor Morton Brasher was born on September 9, 1956 in Evanston, Illinois. She was the only child born to the late James Thomas Morton Jr. and Constance Lorraine Hairston Morton, longtime mayor of the city of Evanston; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from Evanston Township High School, she attended Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia for one year, before returning to complete her undergraduate studies at National College of Education (now National-Louis University) where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services; and

**WHEREAS** Elizabeth married her longtime high school friend Robert Lee Brasher. They had two daughters: Elizabeth Keziah and Constance Mariah. Although they divorced, Elizabeth and Robert remained close friends until his death in April 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth spent most of her career in higher education administration. She worked at Northwestern University for just under 30 years in the Institute for Learning Sciences and as Assistant Director of the Infrastructure Technology Institute (ITI). In these positions Elizabeth managed a multitude of areas including budgets and grants management, human resources, building management, and event planning. She cherished her time in the ITI department and became great friends with her former supervisor and mentor, the late Dave Shultz. At the time of her passing Elizabeth was a member of Northwestern's Office of Equity. As Program Administrator she worked diligently to support the university's mission of fostering an environment in which all members of the community were free from discrimination and harassment. It was immensely important to her that she be a leader in these efforts and provide compassion and guidance to those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth was a deep-rooted and active member in the Evanston community. She served as a member of many community boards and organizations. These include serving as President of First Night Evanston, Incorporated (2006-2008), President of the Mental Health America of the North Shore (2008-2010), and a member of the Board of Directors of Evanston's YWCA/North Shore (2010-2018) where she served as Chairperson for the Racial Justice Committee. In addition, Elizabeth was an Advisory Board Member of the Forrest E. Powell Foundation and the Shorefront Legacy Center. She was also a proud member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, since 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, her proudest contribution was serving as campaign chairman for her mother's fourth and final run for mayor of Evanston in 2005. Both Elizabeth and Lorraine expressed great joy at working together and it was a successful partnership. Mayor Morton easily won the election, receiving an astounding 73% of the vote; and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth's parents instilled in her the importance and sanctity of family, the value of education, and the responsibility of service to others and community. She worked tirelessly to uphold and instill these same values in her children. She is remembered by her family and friends as kind, generous, and a pillar of strength, sharing her mother's traits of an infectious laugh and magnetic smile. Friends and colleagues also regarded her as a sounding board for advice and guidance, always offering a helping hand or hug whenever needed. Most especially, Elizabeth became a "second mama" to many of her daughters' friends, welcoming them into her home whenever they needed a good meal, a good talk, or even a good party; and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth's legacy is forever rooted in her service to family, community, and friendship. She is survived by her two (2) daughters Elizabeth Keziah Brasher of Atlanta, Georgia and Constance Mariah Brasher of Niles, Illinois. She is also survived by first cousins Lois Pace Hairston Turner of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Vera Stepp (Henry Edward Stepp) of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Denise Burger of Wasilla, Arkansas; Marion Elizabeth Winfrey of Boston, Massachusetts; Tom Baric of Plano, Texas; Sol William Winfrey of Freehold, New Jersey; and Johnny Winfrey of Freehold, New Jersey; many other second and third cousins; and a host of close friends.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the life of Elizabeth Elinor Morton Brasher, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of service she gave to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Elizabeth Elinor Morton Brasher.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4157  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,  
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,  
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON,  
SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING OF THE OPENING OF THE ELLEN GLASSER GLOBAL (EGG) CENTER AT  
SULLIVAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, Sullivan High School has had renewed energy under the leadership of Principal Chad Adams; and

**WHEREAS**, Sullivan High School serves a large and diverse student body with nearly 40% of its student body born outside of the United States and well over 40 languages spoken there; and

**WHEREAS**, these refugee and immigrant students gravitated to the former library as a place to lounge and engage in small group activities. These students often felt that the library offered them a “safe space” to get away from the stress of conforming to an unfamiliar, new environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the library became the center for the English learning program and was used for individual and small group work; and

**WHEREAS**, the library had not been staffed for many years and was in major need of a facelift with torn carpeting and unmatched older furniture; and

**WHEREAS**, Principal Adams and English Learning Director, Sarah Quintenz reached out to Michael Glasser and the recently formed “Friends of Sullivan” group for help; and

**WHEREAS**, Friends of Sullivan raised money to support this request. With that money and the help of generous volunteers, including student volunteers, the room was transformed with new carpeting and state of the art furniture to create a space of dignity and respect befitting the hardworking students who come to the Center to learn how to make their way in this new world; and

**WHEREAS**, the library is to be renamed the ELLEN GLASSER GLOBAL CENTER in honor of Ellen Meyer Glasser, an immigrant herself, who came to the United States in 1945. Her family fled Germany after Kristallnacht and first moved to Chile where she attended the English School. In 1945, she moved to the United States with her older sister. She graduated from Lakeview High School and subsequently attended college at the University of Illinois. She later taught nutrition classes in both English and Spanish at Michael Reese Hospital, languages she learned during her years in Chile; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellen Meyer Glasser is the mother of Rogers Park builder, Michael Glasser; his brother Ralph Glasser; their two (2) sisters, Pam Weston and Debbie Butler; and the grandmother of 11 grandchildren.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County honors the work of Principal Chad Adams, English Learning Director Sarah Quintenz and the Friends of Sullivan, along with the volunteers who helped create the Ellen Glasser Global Center, which will give years of service to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Principal Chad Adams, the Sullivan High School community, and the family of Ellen Meyer Glasser.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4158  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,  
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,  
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON,  
SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALBERT LEON MAMPRE**

**WHEREAS**, Albert Leon Mampre, the last living medic from World War II's Easy Company has died at the age of 97. Easy Company was part of the 2nd Battalion of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division. It was made famous by the Stephen Ambrose book and HBO series, "Band of Brothers"; and

**WHEREAS**, Al Mampre was awarded a Bronze Star and two (2) Purple Hearts for his service. He survived two (2) sniper bullets after venturing into an active battle scene to lie down next to a wounded Lieutenant. Dutch civilians came to their rescue and took them to the relative safety of a Dutch home where they were treated for their injuries; and

**WHEREAS** after his recovery, Mr. Mampre served at regiment headquarters during the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne, France. Mr. Mampre became a medic because, as he put it, he was good at “pluggin’ holes, not makin’ holes.” He reflected that he had learned many of the skills required to be a medic in his training as a Boy Scout, except for giving shots, which he learned by practicing on oranges. The training was mostly common sense. “Guy’s got a hole in his chest? Put your hand over it so it doesn’t suck air. Basic stuff”; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mampre was among 35,000 paratroopers and glider troops who rained from the sky over Europe in Operation Market Garden. He recalled taking refuge in a doorway to evade German machine gun fire. While he waited, the door opened a crack and the woman inside handed him a spoonful of cherries. He never saw her face or knew who she was; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mampre was known among his fellow soldiers as funny, kind, humble, and an engaging storyteller. He never liked the word “hero” and never saw himself as one. He was genuinely selfless. Everyone loved being around him; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mampre grew up in Oak Park, the son of immigrants from the Armenian diaspora. His mother Viola came from Baghdad. His father Nishan came from Turkey. His father repaired rugs and farm equipment to support his family. Young Al “was always taking care of people.” At 4, he’d alert adults about the wanderings of a forgetful elderly neighbor who was a Civil War veteran. “The colonel’s running away!” he’d warn. Later, he had a paper route and sold the *Saturday Evening Post* and *Ladies Home Journal*. He attended Oak Park High School and pursued ministerial studies at Ohio Northern and Hardin-Simmons University in Texas before enlisting in the army; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mampre married the former Virginia Joboulian a month after he came home from the war in 1945. They were childhood friends. She was only seven (7) when they first met at an Armenian picnic, but reportedly she told her parents that she was going to marry him one day. They were married for 63 years until her death in 2009.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mampre subsequently studied psychology at Pepperdine University in California and later added anthropology to his studies at University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) and the University of Chicago. He spent his career in management working for International Harvester and operating a family psychology practice in Evanston where the Mampres raised their daughters Virginia and Susan Mampre and Elizabeth Celebucke, who died in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, in his later years, Mr. Mampre did public speaking and raised money for veterans and police and fire departments. He traveled for pleasure and wartime anniversaries in Belgium, England, France, Germany, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. He has twice been called upon to throw out the ceremonial first pitch, for the White Sox in 2013, and more recently before a game between the Washington Nationals and Tampa Bay Rays.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the life of Albert Leon Mampre, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of service he gave to this country and to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Albert Leon Mampre.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4164  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,  
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,  
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON,  
SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE HON. CHARLES MONROE MAY**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Charles Monroe May, Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on March 16, 1927. He was the youngest of six children born to Mamie Morrell and Reverend John Henry May; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1958 Charles married Julia Chavez. and from that marriage their only child, Jennifer Lynn May, was born; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles graduated from Crispus Attucks High School in Indianapolis, Indiana after first attending Evanston Township High School. He attended Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee until drafted into the Army during WWII where he achieved the rank of Sargent. At Fisk, he joined the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, later becoming a lifetime member of the organization. After his military service, he continued his education at Fisk University where he received his undergraduate degree. He then went to DePaul University College of Law in Chicago, Illinois where he received his Juris Doctorate; and

**WHEREAS**, after completing his Law degree, Charles became a partner in various law firms in Chicago. He also served as an Assistant State's Attorney for several years before he was appointed Associate Judge in 1985. He maintained this position at the Cook County Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County until his retirement; and

**WHEREAS** Judge May changed the course of many children's lives for the better through his total involvement in their cases; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his love for family and the law, Charles loved playing golf and traveling. His life theme should have been "Have golf clubs, will travel" as he always looked for a golf course wherever he went. His many destinations included The Bahamas, Mexico, Hawaii, Canada, California, Florida, and Nevada. He particularly enjoyed his last two (2) trips visiting friends in Belize; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge May was preceded in death by his wife, Julie, and his parents and siblings. He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved daughter Jennifer (Mark L.) Lund; nephew Horace "Kris" (Elida) Graves; and friend Katrina (Eric) Butler.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the life of Hon. Charles Monroe May, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of service he gave to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Hon. Charles Monroe May.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-3386  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER,  
BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY,  
DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,**

**PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**DOMINIC DIFRISCO, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Dominic DiFrisco from our midst; and

**WHEREAS** Dominic DiFrisco was the dearly beloved husband of Carol (Loverde), and

**WHEREAS**, Dominic DiFrisco was the devoted father of Nina (Robert) Mariano; and

**WHEREAS**, Dominic DiFrisco was the loving grandfather of Pasquale Gianni; and

**WHEREAS**, Dominic DiFrisco was the dear brother of Carmela Soricelli and Louisa Termini; and

**WHEREAS**, Dominic DiFrisco was the fond uncle and godfather to many; and

**WHEREAS**, Dominic DiFrisco proudly served as President of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans where he worked to create the annual Dante Award and Filippo Mazzei Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Dominic DiFrisco played an important role in the effort to keep the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii open in the 1990's; and

**WHEREAS**, Dominic DiFrisco was a forceful advocate for many Italian American causes and a proud proponent of the contributions of Italian Americans in Chicago and Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Dominic DiFrisco touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew him will attest that Dominic DiFrisco was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Dominic DiFrisco and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Dominic DiFrisco so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-3392  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**DOMINIC DIFRISCO, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, on April 27, 2019, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Dominic DiFrisco from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Dominic DiFrisco was the beloved husband of Carol (nee Loverde) and loving father of Nina (Robert) Mariano; and

**WHEREAS**, Dominic DiFrisco was the proud grandfather of Pasquale Gianni and fond brother of Carmela Soricelli of New York and Louisa Termini of Texas, and uncle and godfather to many; and

**WHEREAS**, born to Leoluca and Antonina, immigrants from Corleone, Sicily, Dominic DiFrisco was taught the importance of community involvement at an early age; his father's involvement in many Italian-American causes left a strong impression on him and inspired him to dedicate most of his adult life to the promotion of Italian-American culture and to dispel stereotypes; and

**WHEREAS**, Dominic DiFrisco began his career at Alitalia Airlines in New York and moved to Chicago as public relations manager for the Midwest; and

**WHEREAS**, Dominic DiFrisco later made a name for himself helping to build bridges between the public and private sectors as senior consultant at Edelman Chicago, with prominent clients including McDonald's, the State of Illinois, and the City of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Dominic DiFrisco was the voice for countless topics important to the Italian-American community and was an early leader of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, a nonprofit organization that serves as a congress for the Chicagoland Italian-American organizations and represents the community on local, state, national, and international levels; and

**WHEREAS**, when the Italian-American community was at risk of losing one of its cornerstones-Our Lady of Pompeii Church-Dominic and other Little Italy community members bound together to raise money to save the church, personally petitioning the late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin to allow the church to remain open; and

**WHEREAS**, Dominic DiFrisco was known by many as the color commentator for decades during the television broadcast of the Columbus Day Parade, displaying his encyclopedic knowledge of Chicago-Italian history; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to receiving many awards from the Italian-American community, Dominic DiFrisco has been honored by the African-American and Native-American communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Dominic DiFrisco; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Dominic DiFrisco so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4248  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ARTURO BALLESTEROS**

**WHEREAS**, Arturo Ballesteros, son of Mexican immigrants, Juan and Rosa Ballesteros whom immigrated from San Juan de los Lagos, Jalisco and Acambaro, Guanajuato respectively, was born in Chicago, Illinois in January 16, 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, Arturo Ballesteros grew up in the Pilsen neighborhood and currently resides in Brighton Park. He speaks Spanish at home with his parents, and his younger sister; and

**WHEREAS**, Arturo Ballesteros, a sophomore student at Back of the Yards College Prep received a perfect score on the College Board's Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Culture exam this year; and

**WHEREAS**, only 100 students out of 189,658 students that took the Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Culture exam this year across the entire globe were able to attain a perfect score on this year's exam and Arturo Ballesteros was one of them; and

**WHEREAS**, for the exam, Arturo Ballesteros correctly answered 65 multiple-choice questions, wrote a perfect persuasive essay, outlined the value of digital library resources over physical texts; responded to a sample business email; delivered an impromptu two-minute presentation; and discussed the merits of a career in law--all in college-level Spanish; and

**WHEREAS**, Arturo Ballesteros placed in the top 0.053 percent of exam takers, receiving the highest score possible; and

**WHEREAS**, Arturo Ballesteros is involved in many extracurricular activities at his school such as: math club, the volleyball team, the running club, the school newspaper, and ballet folklórico; and

**WHEREAS**, Patricia Brekke, the principal of Back of the Yards College Prep described Arturo Ballesteros as “incredibly smart”, additionally she described him as a humble and great man.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Arturo Ballesteros on receiving a perfect score on the College Board’s Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Culture exam; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Arturo Ballesteros and family for his accomplishments and may pursue a successful career.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4243  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER,  
BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY,  
DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING FR. THOMAS E. GRIFFIN, O.S.A.**

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, June 30, 2019, a special Mass will be celebrated at St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Chicago's Canaryville community; and

**WHEREAS**, among the many blessings for which the parishioners of St. Gabriel will offer thanks on that day is that God has blessed them and sent to them His grace through the good works and benevolence of Father Thomas Griffin, Pastor of St. Gabriel Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Griffin was raised in Holy Rosary Parish in the Roseland area where he attended Grammar school; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Griffin graduated from Mendel High School in 1972, where he later graduated from DePaul with a Bachelor of Science in accounting; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Griffin entered the Augustinian Seminary in 1976 and was first ordained into the priesthood in April of 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Griffin became a Navy Reserve Chaplain in 1986 thru 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Griffin was appointed Pastor of St. Gabriel Catholic Church in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Griffin is known with great fondness and much affection by all the parishioners of St. Gabriel Parish who have sought his help and spiritual guidance over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of his outstanding service to the parishioners of St. Gabriel Parish and the community of Canaryville, the parishioners of St. Gabriel Catholic Church will gather in a celebratory farewell Mass on June 30, 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to Father Thomas Griffin for this special recognition, and extends its gratitude on behalf of the community for his outstanding service over the years; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Father Thomas Griffin, to commemorate this joyous occasion.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution**

**be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4244  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER,  
BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY,  
DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING FR. WOJCIECH ARTUR MARAT**

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, June 30, 2019, a special Mass will be celebrated at St. Barbara Church; and

**WHEREAS**, among the many blessings for which the parishioners of St. Barbara will offer thanks on that day is that God has blessed them and sent to them His grace through the good works and benevolence of Father Wojciech Artur Marat, Pastor of St. Barbara Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Marat was born and raised in Bialystock, Poland; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Marat was ordained on June 16, 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Marat served as a chaplain to the Bialystock associations of Catholic doctors from 1998-2000 and lawyers as adjutant judicial vicar and judge of the metropolitan tribunal from 2000 - 2002, and;

**WHEREAS**, Father Marat served as defender of the bond for the metropolitan tribunal from 2003-2006, 2012- present and as a judge on the metropolitan tribunal from 2006-2011 in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and;

**WHEREAS**, Father Marat holds degrees in canon law from the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin and is a member of the canon law societies of both the United States and Poland; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Marat has served as associate pastor of St. Richard, St. John Fisher and St. Thecla before receiving his assignment at St. Barbara Parish in September of 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of his outstanding service to the parishioners of St. Barbara Parish, the parishioners of St. Barbara Catholic Church will gather in a celebratory farewell Mass on June 30, 2019.



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to Father Wojciech Artur Marat for this special recognition, and extends its gratitude on behalf of the community for his outstanding service over the years; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Father Wojciech Artur Marat, to commemorate this joyous occasion.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4245  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER,  
BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY,  
DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING FR. PETER MCQUINN**

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, June 30, 2019, a special Mass will be celebrated at All Saints-St. Anthony Church; and

**WHEREAS**, among the many blessings for which the parishioners of All Saints-St. Anthony will offer thanks on that day is that God has blessed them and sent to them His grace through the good works and benevolence of Father Peter McQuinn, Pastor of All Saints-St. Anthony; and

**WHEREAS**, Father McQuinn attended St. Celestine School in Elmwood Park and Holy Cross High School in River Grove; and

**WHEREAS**, Father McQuinn attended St. Mary of the Lake University where he received masters in Divinity, Theology, and Religious Vocations; and

**WHEREAS**, Father McQuinn received a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Loyola University; and

**WHEREAS**, Father McQuinn was first ordained into the priesthood on May 18, 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, Father McQuinn had many assignments including administrator at St. Mark, pastor at Epiphany, interim chaplain at Nazarethville Nursing Home, associate pastor at Our Lady of the Wayside; and

**WHEREAS**, Father McQuinn was appointed Pastor of All Saints-St. Anthony Church in July of 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Father McQuinn is known with great fondness and much affection by all the parishioners of All Saints- St. Anthony who have sought his help and spiritual guidance over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of his outstanding service to the parishioners of All Saints-St. Anthony, the parishioners of All Saints-St. Anthony Church will gather in a celebratory farewell Mass on June 30, 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to Father Peter McQuinn for this special recognition, and extends its gratitude on behalf of the community for his outstanding service over the years; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Father Peter McQuinn, to commemorate this joyous occasion.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-3680  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DENNIS DEER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING ROSE LEWIS CALVIN 65TH BIRTHDAY**

**WHEREAS**, Rose Lewis Calvin recently celebrated her 65th birthday surrounded by family and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose Lewis Calvin was born on May 5, 1954 in Champaign, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose Lewis Calvin received her formal education from Central High School graduating in 1971, later to pursue an Associate's Degree and Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Purdue University at Fort Wayne Indiana and later received a Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) from Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose Lewis Calvin is the dedicated wife of James Calvin; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose is the proud mother of Tracey Lewis, Troy Lewis, and Shayla Bell; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose is devoted sister of David Hines, Jr, Walter Hines, Carol Mitchell, and Linda Fox; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose Calvin is currently employed with the Illinois Department of Public Health as a Health Facilities Surveillance Nurse; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose is the Ministry Leader for G.E.M.S. mentoring program for girls ages 12-18; and

**WHEREAS**, at 65 years young, Rose Calvin, enjoys mentoring, spending quality time with her family and friends.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that President Preckwinkle along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating Ms. Rose Lewis Calvin on the occasion of her 65th Birthday and wishes her continued health and happiness for years to come; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is shared upon the official proceedings of this honorable body and that an official copy of the same is tendered to Ms. Rose Lewis Calvin in honor of this auspicious occasion.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4264  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER****RESOLUTION HONORING CHICAGO'S HISTORIC LEGACY WALK**

**WHEREAS**, the Legacy Walk is a dynamic outdoor LGBT history exhibit in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, along the half mile of the North Halsted Street Corridor, between Belmont Avenue and Grace Street, ten pairs of 25'-tall decorative "Rainbow Pylons" define the nexus of Chicago's LGBTQ community; and

**WHEREAS**, affixed to the pylons are a series of bronze memorial plaques commemorating the life and work of notable lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender individuals whose achievements have helped shape the world - but whose contributions, sexual orientation or gender identity have been overlooked, minimized or redacted entirely from most historic texts; and

**WHEREAS**, presently there are forty bronze markers on the Legacy Walk - the largest collection of detailed bronze biographical memorials in the world - and every year on National Coming-Out Day (October 11th) new plaques are added; and

**WHEREAS**, collectively the Legacy Walk serves as an "outdoor classroom" for students who participate in the Legacy Project Education Initiative (LPEI) to boost LGBTQ youth self-esteem and confront the ignorance which fuels anti-Gay bullying; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legacy Walk was recently declared a Historic Landmark by the City of Chicago Commission on Landmarks.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that during Pride Month 2019, the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends the work of the Legacy Project - especially its founder Victor Salvo and its board of directors - for creating an iconic installation celebrating the lives and stories of LGBTQ people throughout history.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4234  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON AND PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE ,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**A RESOLUTION REMEMBERING LGBTQ HISTORY IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the month of June is recognized as LGBTQ Pride Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the LGBTQ community across the United States remembers and honors the legacy of LGBTQ people at The Stonewall Riots on the 50th Anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, there is also a rich and important LGBTQ history in Cook County that must be remembered; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gerber/Hart Library and Archives located in Chicago is a vital partner in preserving and displaying the history and artifacts of local LGBTQ history; and

**WHEREAS**, Tracy Baim, long time publisher of Windy City Times and other LGBTQ publications, has been essential in documenting the lives, photographs, and news of the LGBTQ community for decades including in her book, Out and Proud in Chicago: An Overview of the City's Gay Community; and

**WHEREAS**, Victor Salvo created The Legacy Project and The Legacy Walk, an outdoor history exhibit in the Boystown neighborhood of Chicago to commemorate the lives and work of prominent LGBTQ people whose contributions or identities were overlooked by most historic texts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Society of Human Rights, the first recognized gay rights organization in the United States, was founded in 1924 by Henry Gerber in Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to the Stonewall Riots in New York, similar raids by law enforcement including Cook County Sheriff Richard Ogilvie, were conducted; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the most prominent examples was a raid of a well-known LGBTQ establishment called Fun Lounge, located in suburban Cook County, in which 109 patrons were arrested on April 25, 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, those arrested were paraded in front of newspaper photographers. The names and occupations of those arrested were printed on the front page of local newspaper even though charges of over 90 people were dropped because of insufficient evidence of any kind; and

**WHEREAS**, the controversial printing of names and occupations led to the firing of many of those that were in teaching and school administrative roles; and

**WHEREAS**, this raid was a galvanizing moment for LGBTQ people in Cook County to organize politically against those fighting for their right to live openly; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1968, the North American Conference of Homophile Organizations hosted a conference in Chicago where they drafted the "Homosexual Bill of Rights", which included basic tenants of LGBTQ people being able to live their lives without fear of harassment or retribution; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Flint became the first openly LGBTQ person to run for the Cook County Board of Commissioners in 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993 the Cook County Board of Commissioners passed an amendment to the Human Rights Ordinance that included sexual orientation as a group protected from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center was founded by Cook County Health and Rush University Medical Center in 1998 and has pioneered treatment and care for HIV/AIDS; and

**WHEREAS**, there are countless other examples of battles fought by the LGBTQ community in Cook County and paths paved by LGBTQ people willing to stand up for their community; and

**WHEREAS**, all of this history has shaped the LGBTQ community in Cook County and led to advancements of living lives openly and authentically.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor the LGBTQ community during Pride Month and remember the history of the LGBTQ community in Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we honor the great contributions that LGBTQ people have done across Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this Resolution are presented to the Gerber/Hart Library and Archives, Tracy Baim, Victor Salvo and Jim Flint.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4269  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CELEBRATING THE HONORABLE KIMBERLY A. LIGHTFORD AS THE FIRST AFRICAN  
AMERICAN FEMALE ILLINOIS STATE SENATE MAJORITY LEADER**

**WHEREAS**, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford was born in Chicago, Illinois on May 10, 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford was raised in Maywood, Illinois and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Public Communications from Western Illinois University and a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Illinois Springfield; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to being elected to public office, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford gained extensive management experience working as a Trustee for the Village of Maywood and for State of Illinois departments such as the Illinois Department of Central Management Services, the Illinois Department of Corrections and the Illinois Secretary of State's office; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1998, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford became the youngest African American female elected to the Illinois State Senate representing the 4<sup>th</sup> District. Senator Lightford has become a vocal champion for promoting quality education, advocating for quality healthcare, and providing support for working families; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford became Assistant Majority Leader in 2009 and enhanced her role as an advocate for education reform. Senator Lightford has served on the Senate Education Committee as either a sitting member, Vice Chair or Chairman. Her expertise positioned her as a lead negotiator on the legislation that established stronger methods of evaluating teachers and tracking student progress; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 9, 2019, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford was appointed as the Illinois State Senate Majority Leader, making her the first African American female to hold the position and among the highest-ranking elected officials in state government; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford currently serves as Chair of the Assignments Committee and a member on Committees such as the Committee of the Whole, Education, Energy and Public Utilities, Executive, and Executive Appointments. She is also the Sub-Chairperson for the Special Committees on Government Operations and Charter Schools and a member on the Special Committees on Supplier Diversity and Oversight Medicaid Management Care; and

**WHEREAS**, due to her leadership, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford has helped to pass laws that provides universal preschool programs and makes sure that all children start school at six years old. Senator Lightford has also improved the safety of children by providing specialized bullying prevention curricula and no bullying school zones; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford has worked to improve the quality of life for working families by passing legislation such as the Illinois Equal Pay Act, the African American Equal Pay Act, reforming the Payday Loan Industry, and raising the minimum wage in Illinois to \$15.00 dollars per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to advancing a progressive legislative agenda, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford has led efforts to rebuild The Loretto Hospital in the Austin community. Senator Lightford secured more than \$20 million in funding that helped the hospital build a state-of-the-art emergency department, a pharmacy and remodel all bed space. Due to her efforts, The Loretto Hospital renamed their emergency department to The Kimberly A. Lightford Emergency Department; and

**WHEREAS**, for nearly two (2) decades, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford has brought resources back to the 4th District. Senator Lightford initiated the “Uplift Our Future” program, a Saturday University which provides mentoring and educational resources for middle school students. She has also hosted an annual Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Rainbow Tea and breast cancer and prostate cancer awareness events; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 2018, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford was instrumental to securing \$3 million to improve a community center operated by the Maywood Park District. The Maywood Park District named the Lightford Recreation Center in her honor; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford currently serves as the Chair of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, Commissioner for the Education Commission of States, Co-Chair of the Education Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures, and an Executive Fellow at the Erikson Institute; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford and her family currently resides in Maywood, Illinois where she is active in the community as a member of the Board of Directors for the Proviso-Leyden Council for Community Action, The Loretto Hospital, and the Boys and Girls Club of West Cook County. Senator Lightford is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County does hereby congratulate Senator Kimberly A. Lightford as the first African American female Illinois State Senate Majority Leader and honors her many contributions to the people of Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Senator Kimberly A. Lightford.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4287  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by  
THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



## **HONORING COOK COUNTY LIBRARIANS FOR GOING BEYOND THE BOOK FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING**

**WHEREAS**, library is traditionally known as a collection of books used for reading or study, and/or the building or room in which such a collection is kept. The word derives from the Latin *liber*, “book,” and a Latinized Greek word, *bibliotheca*, is the origin of the word for library in Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian, German, and Russian, and

**WHEREAS**, in the 19th century, libraries were acknowledged to be an indispensable part of community life as promoters of literacy, providers of a wide range of reading for all ages, and centers for community information services. Legislation required local authorities to devote public funds to this cause, and

**WHEREAS**, librarians, also known as information specialists, use their professional skills to connect resources and information to the public community through reference and research services, collection development, programming, technology and media platforms, and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has approximately 205 libraries serving an estimated population of 5.3 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County's libraries are places of information and have risen “*beyond the book*.” They are an extension of the educational institutions in Cook County and are one of the our most important resources that build communities, provide access, promote literacy, protect individual rights and innovate; and

**WHEREAS**, every summer, most Cook County libraries have adopted a theme for Summer Reading Club where children, teens and adults win small prizes to encourage reading during the summer months. Summer Reading Club takes place for approximately 8-10 weeks (June - August) and starts when the regular school session ends, and

**WHEREAS**, libraries offer a variety of weekly themed-programs for all ages and patrons receive points and prizes for reading a certain number of books or for a certain amount of time. On average, 2.5 million patrons read 25 million books and attend over 10,000 summer programs offered by 205 Cook County libraries.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor Cook County libraries for encouraging youth participation in summer reading clubs and community activities at libraries across Cook County and praise its essential contribution to the communities of Cook County by going “*beyond the book*” for *community building*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this proclamation be presented to all libraries and City Council within Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4288  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by  
THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO AND FIFTH THIRD BANK  
PARTNERSHIP TOMORROW'S PROMISE: VISION 2020**

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, Concordia University Chicago and Fifth Third Bank joined together in an innovative public-private partnership called Tomorrow's Promise: Vision 2020, developed to make a long-term positive impact on the lives of underserved children, their families, their schools and the local community; and

**WHEREAS**, 22 academically talented students from Bellwood School District 88 and Proviso Township High School District 209 were selected to take part in the program; and

**WHEREAS**, school, university and bank officials monitored student progress including individual GPAs, test scores and commitment and, on a case-by-case basis, identified additional resources to help students successfully complete their educations; and

**WHEREAS**, Fifth Third Bank educated the students' parents through regular classes on managing household finances and starting a college fund; and

**WHEREAS**, Concordia University Chicago collaborated with school districts and teachers on curriculum review, professional education and best practices to improve Tomorrow's Promise; and

**WHEREAS**, twelve of the original students remained eligible to participate and enrolled in Concordia University Chicago in the fall of 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the bank and university provided comprehensive financial support for the participating students to cover the full costs of their tuition, fees, room and board; and

**WHEREAS**, in May of 2019, the first three student participants earned their baccalaureate degrees, with others on the path to complete their degrees in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the university awarded a posthumous degree to the parents of Tomorrow's Promise student Jocelyn Morales, who passed away prior to completion of the program; and

**WHEREAS**, Bellwood School District 88 and Proviso Township High School District 209 are dedicated to the highest quality education, where learning, leadership, service and research-based practices ensure equitable and meaningful opportunities for all students; and

**WHEREAS**, Fifth Third Bank was founded in 1858 and continues to fulfill a legacy to help improve the lives of their customers and communities through sound banking principles and superior service; and

**WHEREAS**, Concordia University Chicago has a 155-year history of equipping men and women to serve and lead with integrity, creativity, competence and compassion in a diverse, interconnected and increasingly urbanized church, state and world; and

**WHEREAS**, Tomorrow's Promise exemplifies the positive effects of and serves to inspire future public-private collaborations to invest in deserving students, school districts and their local communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognizes and commends the diligence and outstanding accomplishments of Thaddous Daniel, Janay Taylor and Javier Terrazas in achieving their bachelor's degrees, recognizes the support of their families, and honors the family of Jocelyn Morales; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to all participants.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4302  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE SCOTT R. BRITTON AND KEVIN B. MORRISON,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING MOLLY PINTA AND THE PINTA PRIDE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Molly Pinta, a middle-schooler from Buffalo Grove, had a goal of starting a Pride Parade in her hometown; and

**WHEREAS**, Molly, who came out last year as a member of the LGBTQ community, pondered the idea of having a Pride Parade in Buffalo Grove after being inspired by attending a Pride Parade in Aurora; and

**WHEREAS**, Molly was quoted as saying, “I’m not being brave, I’m just being me.”; and

**WHEREAS**, Molly successfully launched the Pinta Pride Project with her parents in order to make the parade a reality; and

**WHEREAS**, Molly and her parents created this project to be beacon for other young LGBTQ people who many not have as much support at home; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pinta Pride Project raised over \$55,000.00 to make the first ever Buffalo Grove Pride Parade and associated festival happen; and

**WHEREAS**, the parade had over 2,000 participants and many thousand more in attendance; and

**WHEREAS**, the parade had 50 sponsors and 90 local organizations participating; and

**WHEREAS**, the first annual Buffalo Grove Pride Parade was a resounding success because of vision and dedication of Molly Pinta and the Pinta Pride Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Molly serves as an incredible example of a young person who is working to make our communities more welcoming and inclusive for all residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioner recognizes Molly Pinta and the Pinta Pride Project for the amazingly successful first Buffalo Grove Pride Parade and the great work they will continue to do for their community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this Resolution is presented to Molly Pinta and the Pinta Pride Project.

Approved and adopted this 26th of June 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, that the Consent Calendar meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on July 24, 2019, in accordance with County Board Resolution 18-6705.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Karen A. Yarbrough". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "Y".

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KAREN A. YARBROUGH  
County Clerk